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Re Application of:

Mary M. Ponthan et al.

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Examiner: S. Gerrity

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Group Art Unit: 3721

For: COMBINATION FLEXIBLE PLANAR ITEM AND CHARACTER

Docket No.: 19420/101/101

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TOTAL CLAIMS	-	=		x25=	\$	x50=	\$
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TOTAL				\$		\$	

- ☒ A check in the amount of \$510.00 is enclosed.
- ☒ Small entity status of this application under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 has been established.
- ☒ Other: Petition for Extension of Time; Interview Summary; Letter to Official Draftsperson; Ten (10) Replacement Sheets of Drawings.
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Sir:

The undersigned had a telephonic interview with Examiner Stephen Gerrity with regard to the above-captioned matter on August 25, 2005. The particular focus of the interview was Claim 28 and certain positions taken by the examiner with respect to that claim. As documented in the Examiner's Interview Summary dated September 1, 2005, agreement was not reached with regard to the matters discussed.

During the telephone interview, the rejection of the claims under § 112 was discussed. Specifically, inquiry was made as to whether changing the term "effigy" to "character" would resolve any problems with regard to the application. Examiner Geritty

indicated that such an amendment would solve only one portion of the basis for rejection. Examiner Gerrity took the position that the steps of the methods set forth in Claim 28 are not found in the written description or the original claims.

Inquiry was also made as to whether, if issues under § 112 were resolved, the claims would be allowable since the Office Action included no prior art rejections. Examiner Gerrity stated that a determination of patentability of the claims over the art would be made once the § 112 issues were resolved.

The examiner indicated that a formal written reply to the last Office Action must include Applicants' view of the substance of the interview. This being the formal written reply to the Office Action of August 18, 2005 and the AMENDMENT being timely in view of the extension of time obtained, it is submitted that this INTERVIEW SUMMARY is timely filed.

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Respectfully submitted,

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By their attorney

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LETTER TO OFFICIAL DRAFTSPERSON

Submitted herewith are ten (10) sheets of formal drawings for filing in the above-identified application.

Respectfully submitted,

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